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Justice David Cowan Buckingham, of the 1st Supreme Court District of Kentucky, will be invested formally in ceremonies conducted in the Supreme Court Courtroom, at the Capitol building in Frankfort, on Monday, April 8, 2019, at 1:30 p.m.. Justice Buckingham was appointed as Justice of the Supreme Court of Kentucky for the 1st Supreme Court District, by Governor Matt Bevin on March 27, 2019, after having served as a District Judge, Circuit Judge and Associate Judge on the Kentucky Court of Appeals.

Justice Buckingham is a native of Murray, Kentucky. He graduated from Murray State University in 1974 and in 1977 he received his Juris Doctor from the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law.

After serving from 1982 to 1987 as District Judge for the 42nd District Court, Justice Buckingham served as a Circuit Judge from 1987-1996 for the 42nd Circuit Court and as an Associate Judge from 1997-2010 on the Kentucky Court of Appeals. He served as a Senior Judge from 2006-2010 and upon retiring from the Court of Justice returned to private practice in 2011 as Counsel for Adams Law Firm and the Murray Independent School District.

Justice Buckingham resides in Murray with his wife and they have a son.

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David C. Buckingham was appointed as a justice of the Kentucky Supreme Court in late March 2019 to fill a vacancy created by the retirement of Justice Bill Cunningham. Justice Buckingham serves the First Appellate District, which is composed of 24 Western Kentucky counties. He is the fourth Justice to have served at all four levels of the Kentucky unified court system.

Justice Buckingham began his judicial career as district judge for Calloway and Marshall Counties from 1982-1986. Thereafter, he was elected as circuit judge for Calloway and Marshall Counties, where he served in that capacity from 1987-1996. After his ten years as a circuit judge, Justice Buckingham was appointed to the Kentucky Court of Appeals by Governor Paul Patton in 1997. He was thereafter elected to a full eight-year term, where he served until the end of 2005. Justice Buckingham then completed his 29-year judicial career with five years as a Senior Judge assigned to the Kentucky Court of Appeals, retiring at the end of 2010.

Following his retirement from the bench, Justice Buckingham practiced law in Murray from 2011 until early 2019 when he was appointed by Governor Matt Bevin to the vacancy on the Kentucky Supreme Court.

Justice Buckingham earned his bachelor's degree from Murray State University in 1974, and he graduated from University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law in 1977.

Justice Buckingham is married to his wife of 37 years, Dianne Armstrong Buckingham, and they have one son, Tyler Daniel Buckingham. Justice Buckingham is a member of the Glendale Road Church of Christ, and he is an avid golfer.